



Roderick "Roy" McCormick

March 27, 2024

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Roderick ("Roy") McCormick on March 27, 2024, after a brief struggle with cancer.

Roy was a devoted, generous, loving husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his beloved wife, Caroline; his children, Taryn and Matthew; and his granddaughter, Delaney. He will be greatly missed by his sisters, many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and many friends.

Roy was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, in 1947, and grew up in Calgary. The family moved to Camrose, Alberta, where he attended Camrose Composite High School, where he served as Student Council President (in spite of his bemused teachers). He returned to Calgary to continue his education at the University of Calgary (B.A. Economics), where he met his loving wife and best friend of more than 50 years, Caroline.

Roy had an innovative and successful career in the parking industry for 30 years, initially with Impark (Canada and US) and later with VinciPark, Oxford Properties, Trizec Hahn, and his own consulting firm, International Parking Consultants (InterPark). He was part of a trade mission to China with the Premier of British Columbia in 1993 and he served as Director of the Canadian and National Parking Associations.

Roy and Caroline enjoyed building and renovating houses together, and camping in their many VW Westfalias, especially with their children. Work and vacations took the family all over North America, Asia, and Europe, sharing adventures and building memories.

Roy and Caroline retired in Niagara-on-the-Lake, where their home became a hub for family and friends to share time and celebrate holidays together. The highlight of Roy's retirement was time spent with cherished granddaughter, Delaney. His days were also greatly enriched by the friends and acquaintances he met in his daily walks around town and while puttering with his vintage VW and Volvos in the driveway. He was also an ostensibly reluctant (but secretly very proud) member of the Friends of Laura Secord, founded by Caroline in 2012. Despite some occasional good-natured muttering, his unwavering support of Caroline's passion for her famous ancestor made countless irreplaceable contributions to the success of the organization.

Roy will be greatly missed by family and friends who delighted in his warmth, joy, and wry sense of humour.

We invite those who knew Roy to join us in celebrating his life on Friday, April 19, at the historic Navy Hall, 305 Ricardo Street, Niagara on the Lake from 12:30 p.m. For those interested, there will be a mass in Roy's memory beforehand at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 73 Picton Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Roy's name to Kensington Hospice in Toronto, Ontario, a team and organization that made Roy's last days as peaceful and meaningful as possible and to whom we are forever grateful for their kindness and care.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

APR 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
73 Picton Street
Niagara on the Lake, ON (CA)

Celebration of Life

APR 19. 12:30 PM (ET)

Navy Hall
305 Ricardo Street
Niagara on the Lake, ON (CA)

Tribute Wall

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“ *Caroline and Family. I only just saw the obituary for Roy. I cannot express my most sincere condolences to you all. Roy was a delight to volunteer with during the years of Friends of Laura Secord events and I am genuinely honoured to have known him. Cherish the memories Caroline.*

Lesley Seaborne - July 12, 2024 at 04:43 PM

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“ *I remember Rod and Caroline so well when my husband Roy and myself Julie lived next door to each other on the Dale in West Vancouver. Knowing my husband was working, while in the near stages of me close to giving birth, Rod offered to drive me to Grace Hospital in Vancouver should I have needed it. He was a kind and loving family man.*

Julie Liddell - April 16, 2024 at 04:28 PM

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Although I have not spoken with Roy recently, he will be remembered by his many friends and associates in the parking business. Roy and I worked closely together for many years and we shared many wonderful times travelling. His sense of humor was so refreshing. A kind and clam person you could always count on and he will be missed by many who knew him. May he rest in peace. Sincerest condolences to Caroline and the kids.
Paul Clough

Paul Clough - April 17, 2024 at 07:18 PM

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My deepest condolences to all of the McCormick and Hannigan families

Colleen Yates - April 21, 2024 at 09:50 AM